



The TURNTABLE

July 2012

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PAID & VOLUNTEER STAFF OF RAILTOWN 1897 STATE HISTORIC PARK

Upcoming Events

July 3

Ladies luncheon @
Cover's Apple Ranch
11:30a
Call Marge@ 533-4595

July 4

Wednesday Celebration
with Sequoia entertaining
from 1-3pm, No. 3 Excur-
sion rides

July 21

Mark Twain train with
Pat Kaunert as Mr Twain
and Western Fiddler Dave
Rainwater starts at 4pm

July 25

Annual volunteer picnic
and BBQ at Pinecrest. Call
Marge Lovingfoss for de-
tails @ 533-4595

August 4

3rd Annual Singing Rails
Music Festival, in the park
At Railtown with Mary
McCaslin, Faux Renwah
and The Sierra Mountain
Band.

August 7

Ladies Luncheon @ The
Rock in Twain Harte
Call Marge@ 533-4595



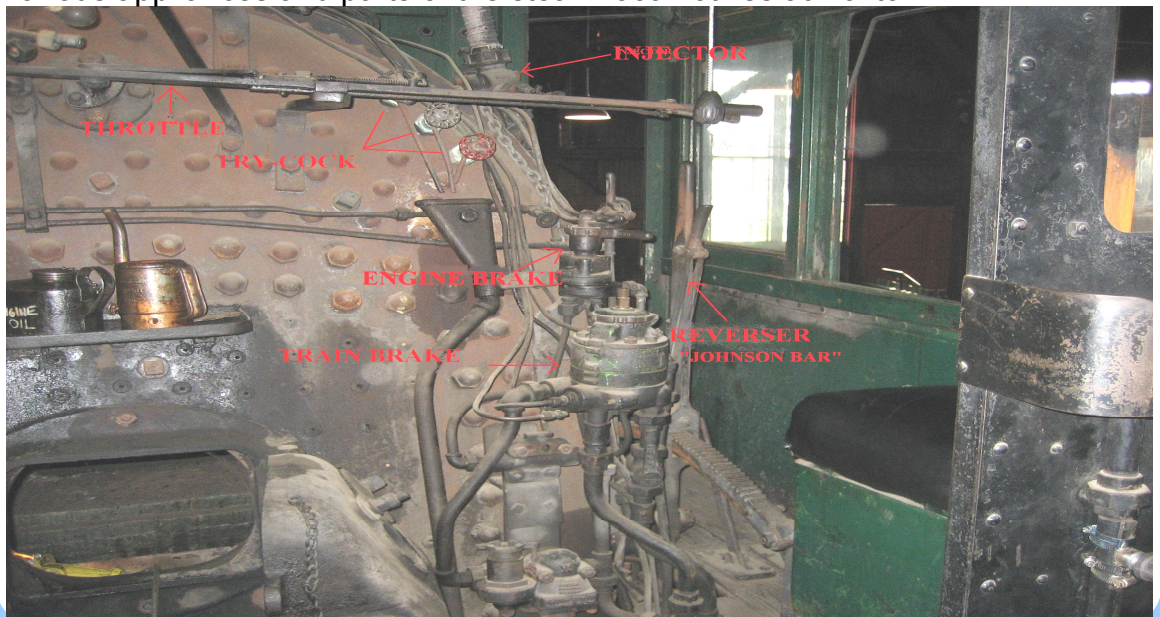
Folk music legend
Mary McCaslin will be
headlining this year's
Singing Rails Festival

Interpreting The No. 34 Cab

by Dave Tadlock

With the wooden steps completed, the cab of Engine 34 is now closer to being included on the regular Roundhouse tours. With more and more people climbing into that cab, the Railtown Staff thought it would be nice to describe some of the appliances found in the cab. This month I will list and briefly describe the appliances found on the Engineer's side of the Cab. **THROTTLE:** Controls a valve between the steam supply and the engine. By adjusting the throttle, you can control the amount of steam allowed to enter the Cylinders, thus the speed of the locomotive. **REVERSER:** The reversing gear also known as a "Johnson Bar" is used to control the direction of travel of the Locomotive. It also adjusts the cut off of steam in the cylinders of the locomotive. **TRY-COCKS:** Officially known as "Gauge cocks" sometimes and wrongly referred to as "Tri-Cocks" as the name has nothing to do with there being 3 drain valves. Used by the engine crew to determine the correct level of water in the boiler. If used, the bottom Try-Cock is located as per FRA requirement at least 3 inches above the highest point of the "Crown sheet". By the way, the term "Try-Cock" comes from the engine crew opening the guage cocks to "try" to find the water level. **INJECTOR:** Used to supply water to the boiler by mixing steam and water, causing a "Venturi" effect. All locomotives at Railtown have "Lifting Injectors". **ENGINE BRAKE:** As the name implies, this brake valve only controls the braking action on the engine. **TRAIN BRAKE:** This control stand not only controls (applies and releases) the brakes on the train but also controls the brakes on the engine when not bailed off.

Next month we will cover the appliances on the fireman's side of the cab, as well as the various gauges and valves located around the cab. In addition, a more detailed handout is in the works for those interested in learning more about various appliances and parts of the steam locomotives at Railtown.





Railtown's Parade Float Wins 1st Prize

Congratulations to Allan & Judy Nordstrom, Cliff Hughes and Al Lehr for winning 1st prize in the Tuolumne Lumber Jubilee Parade. Out of all the entries, judges chose our float for being the most creative. In keeping with the Lumber Jubilee theme, Judy added a lot of creativity decorating the Railtown float with pine trees, stuffed critters, wood rounds, chainsaws and even a duck pond with ducks! Our float is entered in several parades each year including the Motherlode Round Up Parade, the Sonora Christmas Parade, the Tuolumne Lumber Jubilee, and weather permitting the Murphy's Saint Patrick Day parade. It's great community PR and we'd like to give thanks to Allan, Judy, Cliff and Al for all their hard work.

California State Fair Volunteers Needed

The Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau is looking for volunteers to staff the Tuolumne County booth at the California State Fair, which is taking place from July 12 thru July 29. Volunteers are asked to do a minimum four-hour shift and receive a free entry and parking pass. It's a great way to represent our county and see the fair all in one! If interested you can call the Visitors Bureau at 209-533-4420 or email Sandy Gordon at tcvbmarketing@mlode.com or Bruce Tepper at tcvbmarketing@aol.com.

3rd Annual Singing Rails Festival Scheduled

Our next fundraising event will take place Saturday, August 4th. Headlining this year's Singing Rails Festival will be legendary folk singer Mary McCaslin. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music which will start at 5pm. Also performing will be local favorites Faux Renwah and The Sierra Mountain Band. Admission is \$12, children 12 & under are free.

Annual Volunteer Picnic Planned

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 25 for the annual volunteer picnic & BBQ at Pinecrest. Bring your own meat to barbeque, utensils and drinks and a side dish to share. Enjoy a relaxing day by the lake with fellow volunteers. Starts at 3pm, call Marge Lovingfoss for details at 533-4595.

'Spotlight On Railtown'

The spotlight on railtown event was a huge success and a wonderful partnership with our local Rotary clubs. We made lots of new friends for the park and had a great opportunity to show off parts of the park which aren't always appreciated. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a huge success!

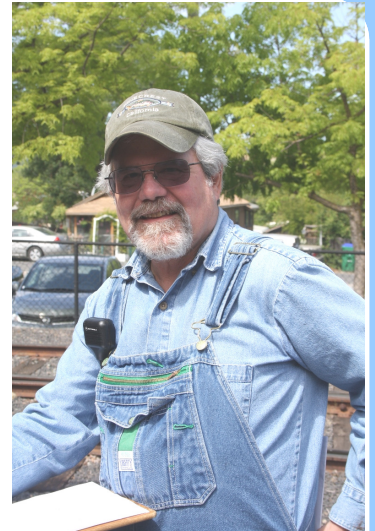
Volunteer of The Month—'Lenny' Guitelli

"I began volunteering at Railtown as a mistake". Lenny likes to say that with a smile. It was his wife Sandy (a registered nurse) who first came down a few years ago to one of our volunteer open houses. She had to hold off being a volunteer because of a back problem, but Lenny stayed and has enjoyed every minute of it. His New York accent gives him away. He grew up there. His father was an executive for Warner Brothers and worked at 30 Rockefeller Plaza. He remembers meeting celebrities like Peter, Paul & Mary and Tony Bennett. After high school and a short stint in college, he joined the Army and soon after shipped out doing two tours in Viet Nam. Lenny and



Sandy built a house in Strawberry and after 35 years with the Postal Service in the East Bay, they retired to live in Tuolumne County. Lenny's hobbies have traditionally been fishing and bowling, but since being at Railtown steam trains seem to have eclipsed them. *"I've*

always been an outdoor person and don't like four walls around me. I like being on the rails." Lenny had no previous train experience, and is now a Conductor/Brakeman on our crew and student hostler. When asked what he likes best about Railtown, *"It's the learning experience. There's a lot to learn from people here who know more than I'll ever know. Everyone at Railtown has something to share and you can learn from them."* This month we'd like to give a big thanks to Lenny (and Sandy too, for introducing him to us)!



Our pick for July's picture of the month was taken by Kim Baker our park superintendent. Engineer Michael Bispo is blowing No. 3's whistle coming back from Rock Siding. Dave Tadlock (out of view) was Fireman that day.



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